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TO : Comptroller

DATE: 12 December 1957

FROM : Director of Security

SUBJECT: Common Employee Index Number

Ref : Memo from Comptroller to D/S dtd 2 Dec 57 - Subject as Above

1. The proposal to use employee index numbers, as set forth in the Deputy Comptroller's memorandum of 12 July 1957, has been reviewed.


2. The use of employee index numbers with the pseudonym in correspondence cables, etc., as set forth in paragraph 3, reference A, is questioned:

a. Since the employee number will be used with the true name, the use of such number with the pseudonym could compromise the pseudonym; i. e., in event of loss of document, security violations, etc.

b. Pseudonyms are not constant and are frequently changed; therefore, it is felt that the change would be ineffectual if always followed by the same employee's index number.

3. In view of the above, this office does not concur in the use of the employee index number with pseudonyms. Other parts of the paper are concurred in from a security standpoint with the understanding that each additional proposed use of the index number will be cleared by this office prior to adoption.

4. The Office of Communications may wish to comment on the added cable problem in using employee index numbers in cables as it is my understanding it is much more difficult to "cable" a number than it is a name.


Director of Security

cc: Management Staff

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